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Systems And Methods For Making Electronic Files That Have Been Converted To For: A Safe Format Available For Viewing By An Intended Recipient

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the abovecaptioned application as follows:

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace paragraph [0009] with the following paragraph. The amendments

to paragraph [0009] are indicated in the attached Appendix.

[0009] The entire disclosure of U.S. Utility Application Serial No. 09/935,634, entitled "Systems and Methods for Converting Infected Electronic Files to a Safe Format," and filed on August 24, 2001, is here by incorporated by reference. Figure 1 illustrates a network 100 that may be operated in accordance with one embodiment of the present invention, and Figure 2 illustrates a flow chart of an exemplary method of the present invention. As illustrated in Figure 1, the network 100 includes a first network 118a connected to a second network 118b, and a plurality of computers 110a, 110b, 110c, 110d that send and receive electronic files to and from each other. The computers 110a and 110b reside on the first